GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Suicide by Police Personnel
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of police officers/personnel have reportedly committed suicides;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the total number of such cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year, rank, gender and State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study/investigation to find
out the reasons behind such cases;

(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to reduce stress and improve the mental health of police personnel, so as to arrest suicides among them and improve the working condition of police personnel?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)
(a) & (b): 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects, falling in Entry 1 and 2 of List −II of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. However, as per data maintained by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), State/Union Territory-wise breakup of number of suicides by police personnel in the calendar years 2012, 2013 and 2014 is at
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Annexure-I. So far as the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and Assam Rifles (AR) are concerned, details of personnel committed suicide during each of the last three years and the current year are at Annexure-II.

(c) & (d): A study was conducted in 2004 through Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D) into the factors causing stress to the force personnel and suggest remedial measures. Another similar study was got conducted through Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA) in 2012 for BSF and CRPF. An enquiry had been conducted in each case of suicide and it was observed that reasons behind most of the suicide cases are found to be due to personal domestic problems, illness etc.

(e): Since personnel matters of state police are handled by states themselves, the Government of India has no direct role in improving the working conditions and welfare of the state police personnel. However, Union Government has been advising the State Governments for improving the working conditions of their police personnel and to undertake necessary welfare measures. They have also been advised to
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put in place an effective mechanism for redressal of personnel grievances and resolution of inter-personal problems and to conduct appropriate sensitizing training programmes. Central assistance for better infrastructural facilities at police stations and strengthening of State Government training institutions is provided to State Police through the Scheme of Modernization of Police Force. Funds provided for infrastructural development of State Police Force under this scheme also contribute to maintaining morale of the state police personnel. So far as CAPFs including Assam Rifles are concerned, various measures taken by the Government of India to improve the working conditions and welfare of these police personnel are listed at Annexure-III.

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